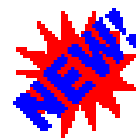# World Ocean Atlas 1998 & World Ocean Atlas 1998 Figures

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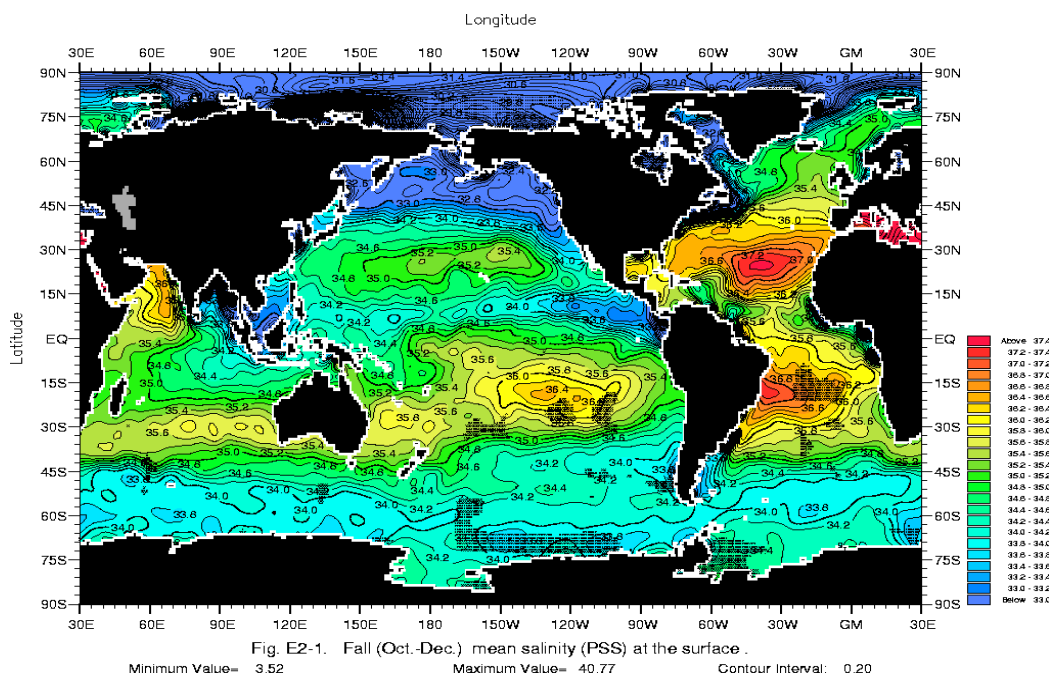! annual, seasonal and monthly objectively analyzed mean fields by 1° squares at standard depth levels

! "interpolation error" of the objectively analyzed fields (fields of observed means minus annual objectively analyzed mean by 1° squares at standard depth levels.)

! seasonal and monthly objectively analyzed fields minus annual mean objectively analyzed fields by 1° squares at standard depth levels

! land/ocean-bottom mask used in the analyses at standard depth levels

! definition of basins used in the objective analyses at standard depth levels

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Fig. E2-1. Fall (Oct.-Dec.) mean salinity (PSS) at the surface .

| Minimum Value= 3.52 | Maximum Value= 40.77 | Contour Interval: 0.20 |

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